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Gun Violence Prevention Working Group
Legislative Office Bldg. Room 2C

Honorable Committee Members:

As a Parent I was horrified at the horrible tragedy that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School and my deepest sympathies go out to those who lost a loved one on that tragic day. However our reaction to this tragedy should not be allow the tragedy to be used for political purposes by the same people who try to advance their gun control proposals every year. Is there some particular reason that the legislature feels the need to rush laws through when the final police report has not been released? Certainly there are going to be any number of details in the report that would be important in allowing the legislature to make an informed decision on what needs to be done instead of the haphazard rush currently occurring.

Given the state's finances, can we really afford to spend money on court cases the state is likely to lose? Can the state afford the loss of tax revenue and jobs if firearms companies leave the state and while some will rejoice, can the state afford the loss of tax revenues from the citizens who will leave Connecticut for other states more willing to respect their rights?

I plan to be one of them. I pay taxes, a lot of them.

The truth is that no law this legislature passes will or could have prevented horrible tragedies like Sandy Hook from taking place. No law can prevent a mentally disturbed individual from committing a crime. Once they reach the level of commitment of act then they are past the point of no return. If they are willing to break the laws regarding murder, why does anyone think a gun control law will suddenly change thier mind? The mentally disturbed murderer committed: 27 counts of 1st degree murder, including his own mother. Does anyone really think he is going to be stopped by yet another gun control law?

There are reports that his mother trained him in Firearms? Is this what we do with mentally ill people? Shouldn't we wait for the actual final reports?

Gun Control leads to Democrats losing at the national level, if major gun control passes at the Federal level, expect to lose some or all of the following states in 2016: FL (29 EV), VA (13 EV), OH (18 EV), PA (20 EV), NV (6 EV), CO (9 EV), NM (5 EV), IA (6 EV), WI (10 EV), MN (10) & MI (16 EV) are all states that voted Democratic in 2012. After their push to pass overly restrictive and possibly unconstitutional laws, the political careers of Governor's Cuomo, O'Malley and Patrick will likely never include the White House. As a former Ny'er I saw the damage Mario Cuomo did to NY and NY has never recovered since. That is why I left and took my tax money with me. I will do the same here.

If you don't believe me, look at 1994 when the Republicans took back the House of Representatives. Bill Clinton has acknowledged that gun control cost the Democrats the House in 1994 as well as the careers of several important Democratic Representatives, including Speaker of the House Tom Foley. In a recent speech on 1/19/2013 former President Clinton blamed Al Gore's loss of CO in the 2000 Presidential Election to George Bush due Al Gore's support of gun control. Al Gore lost in CO, TN and probably AR because of his views on gun control. IF Al Gore had won either CO or TN, he would have been President.

The Utopian society that the gun control advocates think they can create is a fallacy. The real world we live in is a world that has been created by a moral decay of our society starting largely with Hollywood. I ask all of you...Do you watch TV? EVERY TV commercial for a new movie

has violence and gunfire. Where is the respect for Sandy Hook Victims there? I don't see Hollywood toning down, in fact I see them ramping up.

Most of the people calling for a ban on "Assault Rifles" don't even know what one is and That is very disturbing. When Senator Feinstein wrote the first bill, to me it seems like she just picked up a Gun Catalog and said "This one looks evil, that one look evil..".

She was and I believe still is a Gun Permit holder so isn't that a bit hypocritical?

Mayor Michael Bloomberg is an outspoken Gun Control advocate, but look at the statistics of violent crime in NYC. Has anything he done worked? No.

Of course this is a guy who bans dangerous soft drinks as well. I don't know how society ever made it this far without him. I feel so much safer visiting NY knowing I can't carry a gun and won't be mugged by a Big Gulp.

Politicians in this country enjoy security at the taxpayer expense. It is sad when there is more security to get into the Capitol Building than in our schools. Sandy Hook was not a shooting; it was a Domestic terror attack. It has shown what we have long known and failed to act on, that our schools are a soft target. What is to stop Muslim Extremists from carrying out a similar attack now that they have seen how easily it can be done?

Maybe they will be more efficient than the murderer of Sandy Hook whom the press continues to immortalize so to inspire others to commit a similar act.

We as a society knew for years that airport security was a joke but it wasn't taken seriously until the attacks of September 11th. Then the Government immediately closed all Airports, grounded every plane and created Homeland Security, TSA and put Air Marshall's on flight. I did not hear anyone complaining then that our planes are scary now and like fortresses like they do at the idea of police or guards in schools.

What did we do after Sandy Hook? Absolutely nothing except certain members of this assembly seized on the opportunity on the backs of dead children to push their agenda and get their names in the paper with idiotic proposals.

I am a Parent and I want Armed Police or guards in our schools. Growing up on Long Island we had two major Mental Institutions. Pilgrim State and Kings Park Psychiatric Center, These were big facilities and they were full.

They have been closed for many years because now we just throw some pills at them, and then put them in a group home with minimal supervision in residential neighborhoods. Of course we can't build a gun range anywhere near a residential neighborhood. This state has early released a large number of violent criminals some of who recently committed murder as soon as they got out. It is already illegal for a felon to possess a gun so your laws mean nothing. Last year at Christmas a fire killed three little girls in Stamford. We better get some legislation to ban fire. In fact Adam Lanza drove to Sandy Hook so we better ban cars too. 233 People just lost their lives in a Night Club fire in Brazil. 100 People lost their lives in a Nightclub fire in Rhode Island. We better ban nightclubs too.

Disarming and leaving defenseless law abiding citizens is not the answer. Many like myself live in rural areas and both the US and Ct State Constitutions guarantee me the right to bear and keep arms to defend my family and myself. If I thought for one second as a father of a school age child, that turning firearms would protect or save even one child's life I would do it in a second but I know it won't. It will make us less safe. The reason this country is strong is because of our Military, our Police and our ARMED Citizens. An ARMED person is a citizen, and unarmed person is a SUBJECT. While the legislature enjoys armed Police at the State Capitol, many of us have to protect our own families. The Malloy Administration and its reckless spending has

taken Police off the streets and well below state mandated staffing levels and now you want to disarm me?

Perhaps you should be worrying about the 1 billion dollar deficit we have after the largest tax hike in CT history. How many more Public Safety jobs will be lost in the next round of cuts?

I agree with closing the gun show loophole. I agree with having to file paper work on Private sales of Guns. I support this as a sensible way to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. All weapons transactions should have to be filed and approved through the DPS or an FFL. That would be all that needs to be done. The statistics show the Clinton Era ban did nothing. Violence is increasing because it is being bred into us through Hollywood, video game manufacturers and violent music. The economy and hard times have left many people feeling there is hope. Fix the Gun sale loopholes then fix the Budget or start looking for new jobs yourselves.

I would also like to know why US Attorney General Eric Holder was not prosecuted or even had to testify after losing 1400 Assault rifles which were later used to kill Law enforcement but yet you want to make a criminal out of me ?

The following Excerpt was taken from Wikipedia regarding The Anders Behring Breivik-Oslo Shootings

“Weapons training

Breivik's manifesto says that he made use of the video game [*Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2*](#) as a training aid while using [*World of Warcraft*](#) as a [cover](#) for his extended period of isolation.^[52] He also said that he honed his shooting skills using an in-game holographic sight similar to the one he used during the attacks.^[53]

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